

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:	Hugh S. West, Jr., et al.	)
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Serial No.:	10/786,186	) Art Unit
Filed:	February 25, 2004	) 3733
Confirmation No.:	2078	)
For:	SUTURE SEPARATION AND ORGANIZATION	)
	DEVICES FOR USE WITH GRAFT TENSIONING	)
	DEVICE	)
Examiner:	Tara R. George	)
Customer No.:	022913	)

**AMENDMENT "E" AND RESPONSE**

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action of December 2, 2008, and concurrent with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.